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| | 10/814,269 | ISHIDA ET AL. |
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| | Mark Tsidulko | 2875 |
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| 1. This communication is responsive to <u>amendment filed on 6/19/2006</u> . | | |
| 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 6-20. | | |
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DETAILED ACTION

The submission of amendment filed on 6/19/2006 is acknowledged. At this point claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 15 and 16 have been amended, claim 5 has been canceled, new claims 19, 20 have been added and the remaining claims left unchanged. Thus, claims 1-4,7-20 are at issue in the instant application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven M. Gruskin, Rej. No. 36,818 on 8/22/2006.

In claim 7, line 1, delete "Currently Amended" and insert "Previously Presented".

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 6-20 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Referring to Claims 1, 4, 15, 16 the prior art of record fails to show a vehicular headlamp including linear light emitting area having a rectangular surface of the semiconductor light emitting element wherein an edge of the rectangular surface defines a portion of the cut line.

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Claims 2, 3, 6-10 are allowed as claims depended on claim 1.

Claims 11-14 are allowed as claims depended on claim 4.

Claim 19 is allowed as claims depended on claim 15.

Claims 17, 18, 20 are allowed as claims depended on claim 16.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Tsidulko whose telephone number is (571)272-2384. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 - 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300 for all communications.

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